



**BUMC Research  
Administrators' Meeting**

**Office of Research  
Administration Update**

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# FY2009 Funding for Biomedical Research

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009
  - **DHHS** <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>
  - **NIH** [http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement\\_arra.htm](http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement_arra.htm)
  - **BUMC** <http://www.bumc.bu.edu/ora/>
- FY 2009 NIH Appropriations
  - Funding implications

# Basic ARRA Requirements

- All funds must be obligated by September 2010
- Special terms & conditions:
  - Prompt notification to Agency Office of Inspector General (OIG) of credible evidence of false claims or violation of laws pertaining to fraud, COI, bribery, etc.
  - Receipt of funds contingent on meeting detailed quarterly reporting requirements

# What the ARRA Means for BUMC

The upside:

- Potential for large, one-time funding increase over two years
- Increased funding for shared instrumentation, facilities projects, and new investigators
- Potential to learn from expedited process and apply to future streamlining

# What the ARRA Means for BUMC (cont'd)

The challenges:

- Short turnaround for proposal development & submission
- Quick turnaround at start-up of award (all assurances must be ready)
- Increase in IRB and IACUC activity
- Increase in Just-in-Time requests
- Need for timely spending of grant funds
- New, more frequent technical and financial reporting requirements
- No appeals, no resubmissions

# Reporting Requirements

- ARRA funding must be tracked separately
- Recovery Act requires each recipient to submit quarterly reports to funding agency 10 days after the end of each quarter
- Minimum data elements
  - Total amount of recovery funds received from agency
  - Funds obligated, expended, and unobligated balances
  - Project name, description, evaluation of completion status, estimate of number of jobs created or retained, how tempo of research has increased
  - Detailed information on subcontracts
- Reports with project level detail will be posted on Agency and Recovery.gov web sites

# The Outlook: NIH Funding Is Good

- ARRA: \$10.4B (in normal year ~\$6.4B turns over)
- FY 2009 Omnibus: \$30.3 B for the National Institutes of Health (3% increase over FY 2008)
- FY 2010 President's Proposed Budget: \$6 B for cancer research at NIH, as part of the President's multi-year commitment to double cancer research funding

# Overview of ARRA at NIH

\$10.4 B for NIH under ARRA

- \$8.2 B --- research grants
  - \$7.4 billion to the Institutes
  - \$800 million for Office of Director
- \$1 B --- renovation and construction of extramural research facilities (NCRR)
- \$300 M --- shared instrumentation (NCRR)
- \$500 M --- renovate NIH intramural facilities
- \$400 M transferred from Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality for comparative effectiveness research

# Outline of NIH Funding Priorities

- Unfunded applications approved for funding in FY2008 which could benefit from two-year funds
- Supplements to grants/contracts to accelerate science
  - Competitive (single NIH deadline: 4/21)
  - Administrative (multiple, IC-specific deadlines)
- Solicitations
  - NIH Challenge Grants: two-year awards, \$500K/yr
  - Shared Instrumentation Grants
  - Renovations
  - P30 Core (new faculty)
  - Autism (NIMH)
- R21, R03, R13 and other two-year mechanisms

# Summary: Funding Implications

- NIH will maximize funding under two separate funding sources
  - ARRA (one-time funds to jump start research):
    - Two-year awards
    - Supplements
    - New faculty
    - Equipment, infrastructure
  - FY2009 funding (investment in research):
    - > 2 year awards
    - Restoration of funds to FY2009 awards that were cut

# How You Can Access the Money

- Be on the lookout!
  - NIH will post funding announcements as usual  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html>
  - Sign up for NIH grants announcements at  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/listserv.htm>
- Submit your grant proposals as quickly as possible (number of applications not limited)
- Check in with NIH program officers regarding previously scored grants and other opportunities

# Application Process-Streamlined

- Agency
  - Read the Funding Opportunity Announcement!
    - e.g., shortened research plan; pdf files emailed to program officer (administrative supplements)
- ORA
  - Pre-filled PSF (e.g., RC-1, SIG)
  - Assurances---be ready to provide at time of award
  - COI---send hardcopy/fax/pdf by May 15